Restaurant Ready is a national program dedicated to helping individuals acquire the basic job and life skills necessary to pursue jobs in the restaurant and hospitality industry and jumpstart a pathway to independence.

Launched in 2016, the program focuses on supporting individuals in diverse communities, who are not in school and/or employed, with their transition into communities and work. Working with local community-based organizations, the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) currently operates Restaurant Ready programs in over 60 locations across the country.

In 2019, through a new initiative called the Hospitality Opportunities for People (Re)Entering Society (HOPES) project, Restaurant Ready expanded to support justice-involved individuals through training, employment and apprenticeships in the restaurant and hospitality industry. Click here to learn more about HOPES.

### Key Stats

- 1 in 3 Adults Get Their First Job in a Restaurant
- 6 Key Competencies
- 60+ Community-Based Organizations
- $9.4 M Reentry Grants Through the U.S. Department of Labor & U.S. Department of Justice
- 10+ Million Young Adults Who Are Neither in School or Employed

### Program Benefits

- Restaurant Ready provides training in six work-ready competency areas defined by the restaurant industry
- The competencies are designed to help individuals acquire the skills, discipline and confidence to start a job and stay employed
- Restaurant Ready directly links the individual to local employers and has a positive impact on the social and economic well-being of the community
- In addition to community-based organizations, Restaurant Ready often includes the support of State Restaurant Associations, national industry leaders and local employers

### Get Involved!

To learn more about starting and/or supporting a Restaurant Ready program in your community, visit ChooseRestaurants.org/RestaurantReady or email RestaurantReady@nraef.org.

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